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SUBJECT: MICHELINI

1. WASHINGTON POST THIS MORNING CARRIED BUENOS AIRES
DESPATCH REPORTING BULLET RIDDLED BODIES OF FOUR
URUGUAYANS, INCLUDING MICHELINI AND GUTIERREZ RUIZ, WERE
FOUND IN ABANDONED CAR NIGHT MAY 22. DESPATCH STATED:
"OBSERVERS HERE SUGGESTED THAT HARD-LINERS IN ARGENTINE
MILITARY HAVE BEGUN TO COOPERATE WITH MILITARY MEN RUNNING
GOVERNMENTS IN NEIGHBORING URUGUAY AND CHILE IN GETTING
RID OF TROUBLESOME EXILES." DESPATCH ALSO STATES:
"POLICE SAID TONIGHT THAT PAPERS SIGNED BY A LEFTIST
GUERRILLA GROUP CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLINGS
WERE FOUND IN THE CAR WITH THE BODIES."

2. U.S. CITIZEN LOUISE POPKIN, CLOSE FRIEND OF
MICHELINI DOMICILED IN BOSTON, HAS BEEN ON PHONE WITH
GUTIERREZ AND MICHELINI RELATIVES IN BUENOS AIRES. SHE
STATES BODIES WERE ACTUALLY DISCOVERED ABOUT 9 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MAY 21, AND THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO RELEASE THEM TO RELATIVES, CLAIMING THEY WERE "TUPAMAROS." OTHER TWO BODIES REPORTEDLY THOSE OF URUGUAYAN COUPLE NAMED WHITELAW. POPKIN STATED FURTHER THAT URUGUAYAN POLITICIAN, WILSON FERREIRA, IS GREATLY CONCERNED FOR HIS OWN SAFETY.

3. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IS URGING A LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO GRANT FERREIRA ASYLUM. ROBINSON

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